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To His Honour

The Honourable John E. Shaffner
Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia

May it please Your Honour:

I have the honour to submit the report of the Provincial Archivist to the Board of Trustees of the Public Archives of Nova Scotia for the year 1981, together with a statement of receipts and disbursements for the period April 1, 1981 to March 31, 1982.

Respectfully submitted

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ANNUAL REPORT

1981

This has been our first fully operational year in the new building, and our expectations have been met in every case. The workfloor and spatial relationships have proved to be thoroughly satisfactory, and users have continued to express their satisfaction with the service. Perhaps the best endorsement of our effectiveness is to be found in a considerable surge in the use of all our facilities as compared with last year.

The Learned Societies

The highlight of the year for the staff was undoubtedly three meetings in early June: the annual meeting of the Dominion, Provincial & Territorial Archivists and the annual meeting of the Association of Canadian Archivists, which was followed immediately by the Association of Canadian Map Librarians. In each case this was a first meeting in Halifax, and all sessions took place in the Public Archives itself. Usually, meetings have to be in hotels, with only visits to repositories, but we were able to offer hospitality for the entire event since the large vault on the fourth floor was empty and could serve as a meeting room. In addition, the Akins Room was used for plenary sessions, and the future computer tape library, for workshops.

Receptions were held in the foyer, the most notable being the Association of Canadian Archivists with the Canadian Historical Association. Over 300 members and guests socialized on the ground floor to the accompaniment of live (and very lively) folk music provided by members of the Harbour Folk Society. This very welcome invasion, spread over ten days, was limited to the first and fourth floors so that the public was in no way inconvenienced.

The new building was greatly admired by archivists from across Canada. Since then, we have also had visits from Alberta and Saskatchewan delegations presently designing new repositories and in search of inspiration.

Extension Activities

Although no funding is presently being sought for this purpose, every effort is being made to widen the circle of those groups and societies in the com-

munity who wish to enjoy the hospitality of the Public Archives for their meetings. We wish in particular to encourage heritage associations and to give special attention to school visits, which traditionally have been so much a feature of our work.

To this end we have received over 40 schools this year and, by displaying material related to their interests or locality, we have tried to personalize them as much as possible. In addition, the current exhibitions in the Chase Room and an initial slide presentation on what the Archives are about help to orientate students. For grades 5 and 6 there is also a quiz, which requires careful observation of the photographs, and a small prize of old national archives week posters is given to the winners. The entire visit usually lasts about one and a half hours and suits the teachers very well, but we are always looking for improvements. Most of the archivists take part in these presentations and are becoming very skillful in engaging the attention of classes.

We also encourage regular meetings in the Akins Room and Board Room by groups associated with heritage, some of which are also addressed by the staff. The Harbour Folk Society and the Underwater Archaeological Society, for example, have used us as a location for their extensive programs. Altogether, 150 meetings have fallen into this category. Finally, there are those who, although not directly related to our work, use our premises from time to time. This brings the Archives in view of a wide range of interests and has greatly improved our image as a dynamic cultural activity central to the life of the province. As a result, the Akins Room has seen 24 evenings of plays, including Jeremy Akerman's production of **Hamlet**, with a cast of 17 and the most elaborate lighting arrangement the room is ever likely to experience. Also welcomed were dance performances, folk concerts, a judo demonstration, and a Christmas party for Czech children. These were a few of many meetings, which totalled over 100 in all. This makes up a grand total of around 300 meetings and visits, with a total attendance of about 4,500 persons, in addition to our researchers.

The Extension field is one that is ripe for further development. Members of the staff can sometimes be released to develop programmes for exhibitions, slide presentations, and "hands on" experiences for school groups and others. It is particularly important that as many groups as possible visit the archives, if only once, and that they receive a lasting impression of its relevance. There is no knowing when their experience may result in a vote of approval or a favourable word in our support. We cannot have too many friends.

Exhibitions

The opening exhibit, "Regions on Record," has been replaced by an interim display of recent acquisitions, including architectural drawings, temperance movement material, medical records, instruments and railway memorabilia. This will be replaced in the spring by the exhibit, "Getting There: Two Centuries of Travel in Nova Scotia," which should be particularly appropriate for Old Home Summer. In addition, the Archives hosted a travelling exhibit from the Public Archives of Canada, "City Blocks, City Spaces." This exhibit concentrated on early architectural photographs and streetscapes of cities across Canada (including Halifax) and how they can be interpreted. The exhibition was opened by Mr. John Preston, the President of the Association for Nova Scotia Architects.

The most successful exhibit by far has been "Afro-Nova Scotia," built around the Black community in this province. It has been on display for nine months. Professor Savannah Williams, of the Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology at Dalhousie University, selected the material, out of her wide knowledge of the sources in the Archives. In return, the staff helped to assemble and mount the material. The Nova Scotia Museum contributed several items. This exhibit was opened by Mr. Louis Stephen, Deputy Minister of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Fitness in the presence of many members of the Black Cultural Society. The exhibit subsequently won a grant so that it could be copied and distributed in facsimile.

Mr. James Paul has been a very friendly guardian of the exhibition room and has assisted with several school visits.

Introduction to Museum Studies

Mrs. Mary Sparling has been giving a course under this title at Mount Saint Vincent University. Her students have been visiting the Archives in order to receive basic instruction on how to arrange and describe archival materials, and on the place of archives within the whole range of human artifacts. Next year, under our supervision, the students will be taking on small projects with manuscripts, photos, and maps. The Archives is particularly pleased to help with the class, since we have a fine collection of artifacts and are, in part, a museum. One day, we will need the advice of an experienced museum curator, and the favour will be returned.

Provincial Employment Programme

The Public Archives has been most pleased to take advantage of the Provincial Employment Programme in both the winter and summer of 1981. Having the extra staff has enabled us to clear up the many backlogs that a heavy commitment to public service has prevented us from dealing with. The standard of work performed was generally high, and those who took part had a sense that what they were doing would have lasting value. We cannot emphasize too strongly the value of this programme to the Public Archives.

Year of the Disabled

Two disabled persons have been assisted by the Archives staff to equip themselves for work in the community. The staff has taken great pains to give all the advice and assistance possible. However, the nature of archival work makes it difficult for those who are severely disabled to perform tasks which are not repetitive and monotonous, especially if they lack the necessary background.

Volunteers

We are pleased to acknowledge the assistance of our first volunteer, Mrs. Chitra Paranjape, who is helping to catalogue 19th century petitions. These are of considerable interest and contain a wide range of subject matter. So far no attempt has been made actively to recruit volunteers, and it may be useful to develop a programme of this kind along the lines that the Nova Scotia Museum has very successfully pursued.

Solar Energy

The appearance of the Archives building has been radically changed by the installation of 224 solar collectors on the roof. Pumps and other equipment are now in place, and the pipes have been filled with glycol for year-round operation. Already there are signs that there will be significant savings on oil consumption, and the installation has attracted the attention of several engineers. We had a common night hawk nesting on the roof during the spring, and at least one chick appears to have survived. A photographic record of the event was preserved and is now in the Archives.

Artifacts Collection

The collection of small artifacts has finally been unpacked and arranged in a small vault on the fourth floor. For additional security, only the Provincial Archivist has access to this vault. At present the material is arranged in the same random order of display and storage as it was found in the old building, but during the coming year we hope to classify and rearrange the entire collection under thirty descriptive headings. Once this has been done, a series of small displays will make the collection much more accessible to visitors. The ship models have already been transferred to the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic.

Provincial Conservation Committee

This committee has recently been formed under the chairmanship of the Director of Culture, with representatives from the Nova Scotia Museum and the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, as well as the Provincial Archivist. The committee has funds available for urgent conservation needs, and the Public Archives will receive the substantial sum of over $14,000 to copy glass negatives in the collections as a means of using them and preserving them from damage. Work on this project will start in 1982.

Administration

This year the Public Archives joined other departments and agencies of government in developing a zero-based budget for 1982-83. This change imposed a particularly heavy burden on Mrs. Marjorie McElmon, Administrative Officer, who responded magnificently, despite many extra hours and lost weekends. We hope now that the changeover has been made, this budget process will not be so onerous.

Presentation

An outstanding gift has been made to the Public Archives by Professor Donald Fergusson who has presented a book display unit to the Library in memory of his brother, Dr. Bruce Fergusson, the former Provincial Archivist. This will enable readers to have access to recent publications at the issue desk, and immediately take them to their tables to read.

In Memoriam

We would like to express our sense of loss at the death of Inglis Wainwright, who was superintendant of newspapers for 14 years until his retirement last year. Marion Gilroy, former librarian of the Public Archives and compiler of *Loyalists and Land Settlement in Nova Scotia*, passed away in June.

The Belcher Papers

Without a doubt, the outstanding acquisition of the year has been a letter book and other papers of Jonathan Belcher (1710-1776), the first Chief Justice of Nova Scotia. The Agent General of Nova Scotia, Mr. Donald M. Smith, secured these papers at a Sotheby's sale in July. We are most grateful to the Premier for making available the necessary funds to enable us to obtain for the province these outstanding records of its early history. The letter book covers the period 1760 to 1763. The entire collection was catalogued by Dr. Brian Cuthbertson before a selection was placed on display. The whole transaction received extensive press coverage.

Publications

The publication programme of the Public Archives continues to be restricted to materials which provide simple, practical guides or Finding Aids. This year we have printed an information brochure, which was designed and produced by Angela Murphy, a student taking her degree in Public Relations at Mount Saint Vincent University. Angela came to us under the Co-operative Education Programme. She also assisted us greatly during the summer conferences.

Our second publication has been a new edition of *Tracing Your Ancestors in Nova Scotia*, revised by Julie Morris and selling very well, partly on account of a most attractive cover.

The Nova Scotia Historical Review

The *Nova Scotia Historical Review* is the successor journal to the *Nova Scotia Historical Quarterly*, the last issue of which was published in December, 1980. The publisher of the *Quarterly* decided that he could not continue its publication and approached the Department of Culture, Recreation and Fitness with the hope that the Department could find a way to keep the *Quarterly* or a similar journal in publication. The Department requested

that the Archives assume responsibility, to which the Archives agreed on the condition that it would accept no financial responsibility and that a new bi-annual journal, entitled the *Nova Scotia Historical Review*, take the place of the *Quarterly*. The Department provided a grant to ensure the publication of the last issue of the *Quarterly* and to assist in launching the *Review*. A further grant of $1500 was provided in December, 1981 to assist in publishing the second issue of the *Review*.

Staff

The staff of the *Review* consists of Dr. B. C. Cuthbertson as managing editor, Mrs. Lois Kernaghan as literary editor, and Mr. Stephen Crowell as accountant. Dr. Cuthbertson's responsibilities are part of his normal archival duties. Mrs. Lois Kernaghan, a former member of the Archives staff, is paid an hourly rate, as is Stephen Crowell, a commerce student at Mount Saint Vincent and a part-time member of the Public Archives of Nova Scotia staff.

Objective

The principal objective of the *Review* is to provide a journal for those interested in Nova Scotian history, particularly local and family histories. Although an occasional article is accepted from professional historians, every effort is being made to encourage amateur historians to write for the *Review*. We believe that the content of the two issues is ample evidence of our success in attracting good writers.

We have nearly 750 subscriptions. Included in this figure are 150 for the Department of Education for distribution to school libraries. When the Archives took over the *Review* it was estimated that with 1000 subscribers it would be financially self-sustaining. We have increased the number of subscribers, but we still do not have as many as we had hoped for, and costs, such as postage, have gone up. At the Archives we have done our utmost to produce what is certainly one of the best historical journals for the general reader in the country and to promote it with the resources at our disposal.

The C. Bruce Fergusson Bequest

Mrs. Evelyn Fergusson has indicated that she wishes to establish a $10,000 bequest in the name of her late husband, which would be used in a manner that he would have appreciated.

The Provincial Archivist submitted the following proposals to Mrs. Fergusson. They have met with her approval and have since been submitted for the approval of the Board of Trustees:

1. The Boardroom to be named the C. Bruce Fergusson Room.
2. A suitable plaque and a photograph of C. Bruce Fergusson, to be placed in the room.
3. The $10,000 to be invested as The C. Bruce Fergusson Trust, and the proceeds from the interest used to purchase rare books, manuscripts, prints, water colours, oil paintings and outstanding photographs for the Public Archives.
4. The Provincial Archivist to be empowered to make these purchases.
5. A bookplate to be prepared for the bequest which would be attached to all items (or their containers) so purchased.
6. Such purchases to be recorded in the Annual Report to the Trustees of the Public Archives.
7. Such items to be placed on display for a period immediately following their purchase as being of outstanding public interest.

This is indeed a magnificent gift and a splendid memorial to the long and distinguished service of Dr. Fergusson.

Hugh A. Taylor

Hugh A. Taylor has continued to serve on the Council of the Canadian Institute for Historical Microreproductions, the Professional Standards Committee of the Society of American Archivists, and the Board of Governors of the Nova Scotia Museum. He has also been elected to the Council of the Association for the Study of Canadian Radio & Television, and to serve as chairman of the Education Committee of the Association of Canadian Archivists.

During the year he conducted a workshop on family archives at Mabou, presented a paper at the Public Archives of Canada Summer Institute, and took part in an international genealogical conference at St. Andrews, New Brunswick. He also prepared a report on the Mount Allison University Archives.

The Associate Provincial Archivist (Dr. Phyllis Blakeley)

Dr. Phyllis Blakeley, in addition to her overall supervision of research and public service in the Public Archives, has completed a 2,500 word article for Volume 8 of the *Dictionary of Canadian Biography* on Sir Brenton Halliburton (1775-1860), Chief Justice of Nova Scotia from 1833-1860. She has also published articles (which she wrote five years ago) on "Music in Halifax," "Halifax Harmonic Society," "Orpheus Club," "Richard Bulkeley," and the "Halifax Symphony" in the *Encyclopedia of Music in Canada*, published by the University of Toronto Press.

Dr. Blakeley was nominated in April by the Writers' Federation of Nova Scotia for the 1981 Cultural Federation of Nova Scotia Cultural Life Award because she "served the cultural community of the province beyond the call of duty in her professional appointments." On June 4, 1981, at a business meeting during the Learned Societies Conference at Dalhousie University, the Canadian Historical Association presented Dr. Blakeley with a "Certificate of Merit" for exceptional contribution to the regional history of the Atlantic Provinces. The citation read in part: "Dr. Blakeley has demonstrated a remarkable grasp of the history of her native province and has earned a far-reaching reputation for her meticulous scholarship."

Dr. Blakeley was invited to speak on June 13, 1981 to the annual meeting of the Canadian Association of Music Librarians at McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario on "The light of other days: Nova Scotia resources for the study of music history." This was part of a workshop on "Preserving Canada's Musical Heritage." She also attended several workshops for the Canadian Library Association on the use of computers in research and in cataloguing manuscripts and books. She visited the Baptist Archives at the Divinity College and the special collections and archives in the Mills Memorial Library, where microfiche is replacing library card catalogues.

She represented the Public Archives of Nova Scotia at the unveiling of the plaque commemorating John Young, "Agricola", at the Halifax North Post Office. She also represented the Archives at the official announcement by Hon. John Roberts on May 25, 1981 of the approved plan for the restoration of the Halifax Citadel National Historic Park. She attended the annual meeting of the Heritage Canada Foundation at the Hotel Nova Scotian, October 22 to 24, which provided her with additional information useful for her service on the intergovernmental committee which is on call to assist the Advisory Council on Heritage Property.

She was Local Arrangements Chairman for the meetings of the Association of Canadian Archivists during the Learned Societies Conference June 3-6, and participated in a workshop on Archival Security. She also attended a meeting of the Dominion, Provincial and Territorial Archivists held at the Public Archives. She continues as a member of the editorial board of the *Dalhousie Review*; as a member of the Baptist Records Committee, and as honorary vice-president of the United Empire Loyalists Association. She was also one of the judges to select winners for heritage awards for the Colchester Historical Society. Dr. Blakeley made arrangements with several societies, such as the Victoria General Hospital Nurses' Alumnae, to place their collections in the Archives.

Textual Public Records (Dr. Brian Cuthbertson, Wendy Thorpe, Sandra Haycock)

During the year 1981 there was continued progress in establishing a programme of records management that would ensure the systematic scheduling and retention of selected public records. The public records section has held a meeting with the consulting firm engaged to undertake a study of records management for the provincial government. Further meetings, leading to detailed recommendations, are planned for 1982.

The past year has seen increased requests by government departments for information, particularly on constitutional matters. Using archives files, Dr. Cuthbertson prepared a memorandum for the Deputy Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs examining the positions taken by Nova Scotia at Federal-Provincial Constitutional Conferences from 1906 to 1971. Arrangements have been made to provide archival support to government researchers engaged in research of offshore jurisdictional questions. Dr. Cuthbertson has written a memorandum to assist these researchers, as well as officials of the Department of the Attorney General. As all deposited public records are now completely catalogued and Finding Aids prepared, the staff has been able to ensure a prompt and efficient response to requests from the public and from government departments. A complete set of Finding Aids of all public records held by the archives is deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Executive Council. These Finding Aids are also available in the Manuscript Reading Room.

The papers of Premiers R. L. Stanfield, G. I. Smith and G. A. Regan were collected from the basement of Province House; some had suffered severe water damage. These papers date from 1965 to 1973. A Finding Aid was prepared and distributed to the Secretary to the Executive Council, Clerk to the Executive Council and the Deputy Minister of Intergovernmen-

tal Affairs. These were the first papers from the Office of the Premier that the Archives has received directly from the government. Others, such as those of Premiers E. N. Rhodes and A. L. MacDonald, came from their respective families. No trace has been found of the papers from the Office of the Premier from the death in 1954 of A. L. MacDonald to 1965. If these papers have been destroyed, then the province has lost an essential record of its government for a period of over ten years.

PRINCIPAL ACCESSIONS OF PUBLIC RECORDS

RG 5 **House of Assembly.** Bills, House Orders, Statutes, Regulations, Questions, Clerk's Minutes and Journals, 1961-1980. 7 metres.

RG 7 **Provincial Secretary.** Papers from the office of C. L. Beazley, deputy provincial secretary, 1937-1965. 4.3 metres. Papers of Nova Scotia Credit Unions, c. 1944-1965. 1.4 metres. (closed to the Public).

RG 10 **Department of the Attorney General.** Series D. Royal Canadian Mounted Police contract statistics, 1974, 1975 and 1979. Series E. Records of various Dominion-Provincial Conferences and negotiations, 1935-1950. Series F. Correspondence and reports, relating to "Wartime Matters," 1939-1946. 100 cm. (closed to the Public).

RG 14 **Department of Education.** Varied records relating to schools in the province, 1936-1975. 1 metre.

Scrapbooks, correspondence, financial records, and general student information for the Halifax School for the Blind. 1879-1944 RG 14 Series "S". Vol. 1.160. 22.8 m. Content Report available.

RG 25 **Department of Health.** Series B. Victoria General Hospital. Letterbooks, patients' medical records, clinical histories, surgical records, financial papers, medical texts and publications, photographs, maps and plans, c. 1838 – c. 1947. 78.9 metres. (closed to the Public).

RG 35-101 **City of Dartmouth.** Papers relating to amalgamations in the Dartmouth area and civil defence, 1948-1961. 15 cm.

RG 35-102 **City of Halifax.** Minutes of the Directors of Point Pleasant Park and miscellaneous papers relating to Point Pleasant Park. c. 1889-1980. 26.1 metres.

RG 35-217 **Town of Lunenburg.** Administrative records, including assessment rolls, financial statements, voters' lists, town clerk's correspondence, school board files, and Works Department papers. c. 1889-1980. 26.1 metres.

RG 35-231 **Town of Stewiacke.** Administrative records including assessment rolls, financial records, town council minutes, and by-laws. c. 1906-1970. 3 metres.

RG 35-317 **County of Lunenburg.** Ledgers containing financial records, early 1900's. 217 metres.

RG 38 **Lunenburg County Court** (at Bridgewater). Numerous county court cases, c. 1893-1932, and court records books, c. 1893-1973. 4.5 metres.

RG 39 **Lunenburg County Supreme Court** (at Bridgewater). Numerous supreme court cases, c. 1893-1931, and court record books, c. 1893-1969. 9.6 metres.

RG 39 Series M. Minutes of Meetings of Judges of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia. 1969-1979. This is a subsequent volume to the Minute Books, 1892-1934, donated in 1979.

(Justice Cowan donated 1969-1979 volume at the behest of the Chief Justice, who donated the earlier volumes.)

RG 44 **Royal Commissions.** The papers of the Royal Commission on Automobile Insurance, chairman, the Hon. Horace Read, 1957, and the minutes of proceedings, submissions and draft report of the Commission to Review the Nova Scotia Police Act, 1974, chairman Judge Nathan Green, 1980. 60 cm.

RG 51 **Royal Visits to Nova Scotia.** Scrapbook of 1939 Royal Tour in RG 51, Vol. 15. 10 cm.

RG 52 **Bicentenary of Representative Government in Nova Scotia.** Records of the bicentenary celebrations 1958. RG 52, Vol. 1-11. 1.5 m. Content Report available.

RG 54 **Board of Censors.** Alphabetical index of films viewed. 1932-1953. 20 cm.

RG 64 **Communications and Information.** Correspondence and related papers from the office of Eric Dennis, Director of the Nova Scotia Communications and Information Centre. 1971-1977. 1.5 metres (closed to the public).

RG 65 **Fire Prevention Board of Nova Scotia.** Minutes. 1920-1940. 10 cm.

Major Finding Aids Prepared

Finding Aids were prepared for the municipal records of Dartmouth, Parrsboro, Mulgrave, Stewiacke, Lunenburg and Halifax. The treasury papers from 1790 to 1910 were sorted and are now being listed. Finding Aids were completed for the records of the Victoria General Hospital and the Board of Public Utilities. Personnel engaged as a result of the Summer and Winter Works Programmes made a significant contribution to the preparation of the above Finding Aids.

RG 5 — Records of the Legislative Assembly of Nova Scotia

The petition portion of this record group has long been recognized as an important source for the study of local and provincial history. To facilitate and encourage use of this material, an item-by-item listing of the petitions has been begun. In 1981, the following groupings, amounting to approximately 7,100 petitions have been inventoried.

Series "GP". Petitions to Lieutenant Governors, 1780-1874, Vol. 1-13. 1.5 m. Content Report available.

Series "P". Petitions to House of Assembly, 1816-1928:
Concerning legislation, 1816-1894, Vol. 1-21A. 2.3 m.
Concerning agriculture, 1816-1928, Vol. 51-56. 50 cm.
Concerning communications, 1816-1922, Vol. 57-68. 1.2 m.
Concerning education, 1816-1837, Vol. 69-72. 30 cm.
Content Reports available for all of the above.

Other Activities of the Staff

Dr. Cuthbertson published an article in the APLA Bulletin entitled "Thomas Beamish Akins: British North America's Foremost Bibliophile." His review of *Life With Uncle: The Canadian-American Relationship* by John Holmes will be published in the forthcoming issue of the *Canadian Historical Review*. He gave the following papers: "Place, Politics and the Brandy Election of 1830" at the annual dinner of the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society; "The Founder of the Charitable Irish Society" to a meeting of that society; and "Loyalists and Pre-Loyalists" to the Halifax Dartmouth Branch of the United Empire Loyalists.

Dr. Cuthbertson was interviewed on two half-hour programmes of the CBC production, *Heritage*, about his recently published book, *The Old Attorney General: A Biography of Richard John Uniacke*. He also appeared on radio and television in connection with the purchase by the government of Nova Scotia of the Jonathan Belcher manuscripts. At the request of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence he gave testimony on NORAD.

He has continued as editor of the *Nova Scotia Historical Review* and has been appointed editor for Volume 41 of the *Collections of the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society*.

As chairman of the committee made up of representatives from the Archives, the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, the Nova Scotia Museum, the Department of Culture, Recreation and Fitness, and Information Services, Dr. Cuthbertson was responsible for coordinating the selection of historical reproductions now hanging on the walls of the first floor of Province House. He is at present working with the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design and the Department of Culture, Recreation and Fitness to produce posters graphically representing subjects and individuals of Nova Scotian historical interest.

Dr. Cuthbertson was a member of the organizing committee for the meeting of the Association of Canadian Archivists, which met in Halifax in June, 1981.

Ms. Wendy Thorpe published a book review on *Alice of Grand Pré* in the *Genealogical Newsletter* of the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society. In collaboration with Ms. Julie Morris, she wrote three biographies for the *Dictionary of Canadian Biography*: Sarah Deblois (Vol. VI), Elizabeth Lichtenstein (Vol. VII), and Nancy Purvis (Vol. VII).

Ms. Sandra Haycock has continued in her position as assistant secretary of the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society.

Manuscripts (Allan Dunlop and Wendy Thorpe)

MG 1 — Family Papers

James S. Martell Papers — Research materials gathered for miscellaneous articles and projects by the late Assistant Archivist, Province of Nova Scotia. MG 1, Vol. 1697-1704. 80 cm. Content Report available.

Fader Family Papers — Clippings, correspondence and other materials of the Fader family, St. Margaret's Bay, Halifax County. MG 1, Vol. 1711-1720. 1 m. Content Report available.

Dr. J. R. M. Collie Papers — Papers, educational and medical textbooks, miscellaneous materials of Dr. J. R. M. Collie, River John, Pictou County. In process of being organized.

J. F. W. DesBarres Papers — Miscellaneous accounts and correspondence, 1760-1892, dealing chiefly with property holdings in Nova Scotia. MG 1, Vol. 175. 10 cm. Content Report available.

Beatrice Ross Papers — Research materials on Loyalist women. MG 1, Vol. 1721-1724. 40 cm. Restricted.

Dr. William F. Smith Papers — Halifax physician. Correspondence chiefly concerning family matters, 1881-1909. MG 1, Vol. 1733-1736. 1.2 cm.

Archdeacon Hastings Wainwright Papers — Family diary and reminiscences of service in the Anglican priesthood. MG 1, Vol. 1739. 23 cm. Content Report available.

Rev. Kennedy Wainwright Papers — Clippings, correspondence, extracts of church records, historical articles, genealogical materials. MG 1, Vol. 1740-1764. Content Report available.

Marjorie Major Papers — Author. Pamphlets, brochures, typescripts and articles. MG 1, Vol. 1767-1768. 45 cm. Content Report available.

Jim Lotz Papers — Freelance journalist; social activist. Correspondence, articles, research projects, etc. MG 1, Vol. 1925-1998.

C. Bruce Fergusson Papers — Former Provincial Archivist of Nova Scotia. MG 1, Vol. 1800-1889 have been sorted and listed by Dr. Christmas Thomas, who hopes to finish the collection by the end of January.

MG 2 — Political Papers

Jeremy Akerman Papers — Papers of the former leader of the New Democratic Party of Nova Scotia for the period 1967-1980. MG 2, Vol. 1221-1230. 1 m. Content Report available. Restricted except to those researchers who receive Mr. Akerman's permission to examine the papers.

MG 3 — Business Records

No major acquisitions for 1981. Much effort has gone into the cataloguing of the 5,000 volumes of records. This work was largely done by Brian Rose, a student employed under the Summer Works Programme, and supervised by Dr. B. C. Cuthbertson.

MG 4 — Churches & Communities

Hantsport —Borden Undertakers' Books, 1870-1942. MG 4, Vol. 240. 10 cm.

Halifax —St. Matthew's Church. Ross United Church Women. Minutes 1952-1974. MG 4, Vol. 244. 10 cm.

MG 5 — Cemeteries

An up-dated card index identifying individual cemetery listings is being prepared.

MG 7 — Log Books, Ships and Shipping

Martin Dickie Papers — Truro businessman and ship owner. MG 7, Vol 93. 10 cm. Content Report available.

MG 9 — Scrapbooks

Municipality of Halifax County. Three large scrapbooks with newspaper clippings *re* activities of the Municipality of Halifax County, 1972-1980 (25.5 cm).

MG 20 — Societies and Special Collections

Atlantic Provinces Library Association. A large collection of correspondence, bulletins, minutes, etc., c. 1928-1980. (6.6 metres).

Girl Guides of Canada (N.S. Council). Various reports, magazines, booklets, newsletters, etc. of the Nova Scotia Council, 1929-1980. (1.8 metres).

Halifax Relief Commission. Cash awards book, reports, minutes of meetings, etc., 1918-1976. (23 cm).

Historic Sites Advisory Council. Correspondence, minutes of meetings, financial papers, reports, pamphlets, newspaper clippings and photos regarding historic sites, persons and events, c. 1934-1964. (1.5 metres).

Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire. Histories of various Nova Scotia chapters and scrapbooks of the Kings Wood Chapter, 1945-1980. (30 cm).

Marshland Reclamation. Various brochures, reports, notes, scrapbooks, etc. regarding the reclamation of marshlands and dykes in Nova Scotia and the Maritime region, c. 1911-1974. (20 cm).

Nova Scotia Home Economics Association (Halifax Branch). Scrapbooks, correspondence, reports, programmes, newsletters, membership lists, etc., 1952-1981. (10 cm).

Nurses' Alumnae, Victoria General Hospital (Halifax). Nurses' registers, record books of lectures and classes, nurses' roll call books, etc., 1912-1970. (2.1 metres).

Sons of Temperance, Kings County District Division. Various correspondence, minutes of meetings, newsletters, pamphlets, brochures, and memorabilia (unsorted). Approximately late 1800's to 1970's. (3.3 metres).

Studley Quoit Club (Halifax). Membership lists, correspondence, minutes of meetings, newspaper clippings, financial records, 1948-1959. (10 cm).

'Theatre 1707' (Halifax). Various news clippings, programmes, notices, pictures, ads, reports, 1979-1980. (10 cm).

White Owl Conservation Awards Programme. Two collections. One from a former member of the Awards Committee consists of correspondence, copies of applications for grants and evaluations, and nominations for awards, 1970-1977. (70 cm). The other collection is from the Programme's sponsor, The Imperial Tobacco Co. Ltd., Montreal, and consists of similar material, plus financial statements, press clippings, brochures, pamphlets, posters and a flag with the Owl Emblem, 1968-1979. (2.3 m).

Women's Auxiliary of the Children's Hospital (Halifax). Scrapbook, reports, ledgers, correspondence, minutes, etc., 1911-1979. (35 cm).

Women's Institutes of Nova Scotia (Various branches). Minute books, handbooks and brochures, members' biographies, histories of various branches, briefs, newsletters, and miscellaneous, 1920-1921. (1.2 metres).

Manuscripts: Finding Aids

MG 20 — Societies and Special Collections. Completion of a revised and expanded Finding Aid, now consisting of nearly 500 pages. Approximately 300 pages were typed by Pat Dixon during the Winter Works Programme, with additions by Debbie Musgrave and Una Rose of the Summer Works staff. The Finding Aid is now arranged alphabetically by the name of the society or collection, the numerous cross-references have been inserted.

MG 27 — Halifax Relief Commission — Sandra Haycock

MG 28 — Canadian Paraplegic Association — Allan Dunlop

MG 29 — Sons of Temperance (Nickerson Collection) Allan Dunlop

MG 30 — Heritage Trust — A future project

MG 27 — Halifax Explosion

Due to the deteriorating condition of much of the manuscript material concerning the explosion, the decision was made to assemble the material in one manuscript group, and then to microfilm the collection. MG 27, Vol. 1-3. 30 cm. Content Report available. Microfilm: MG 27: Halifax Explosion.

MG 28 — Canadian Paraplegic Association (Nova Scotia Division)

Articles, clippings, constitutions, reports, newspapers, photographs for provincial, national and international divisions of the Sons of Temperance, 1842-1980. MG 29, Vol. 1-56. 11 m. Content Report available.

MG 100 — Miscellaneous Material

This manuscript group was created to absorb the old Vertical Manuscript File grouping and to accommodate new materials of a similar nature received each year. As the old Vertical Manuscript Files were transferred to MG 100, the part-time student employees numbered, stamped and listed each item, thus creating the only inventory ever prepared for the Vertical Manuscript Files. More than 6,600 such files were processed and are now to be located in MG 100, Vol. 100-252. 20 m.

New items for 1981 are located in MG 100, Vol. 30-43. 1.4 m. Content Report available.

Other Activities of the Staff

Allan Dunlop contributed a paper entitled "Records of Immigration" to the *Canadian Genealogist*, Vol. 2, No. 4, 1980. He also read a paper at Lunenburg, April 7, 1981 to a joint meeting of the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society and the Lunenburg Heritage Society, entitled "A House is not a Home: The Rev. Roger Aitken and the Struggle for the Lunenburg Rectory."

In February, Mr. Dunlop served as a judge for the Colchester County Historical Society Museum essay contest, and in March attended a presentation by Middle Musquodoboit High School students entitled "The Depression." Research for the show had been carried out chiefly at the Archives. While in Scotland, Mr. Dunlop visited Scottish Record Office and Registry House, Edinburgh. In August he visited Tatamagouche for consultations concerning the establishment of a local archives in that community. He also attended the annual meeting of the Atlantic Association of Historians in Fredericton and the Fourth Atlantic Conference in Halifax. His book review of Donald MacKay's *Scotland Farewell, The People of the Hector* appeared in the *Dalhousie Review*, Vol. 60, #4.

Medical Archives (Valda Svede)

Displays of medical instruments from the collection of the Medical Society of Nova Scotia held in the Public Archives have been mounted in the lobby of the Tupper Building and in the exhibition room of the Public Archives. These coincided with the 1981 meetings of the Canadian Society for the History of Medicine and the annual convention of the Canadian Medical Association, both held in Halifax.

Thousands of newspaper articles have been sorted after photocopies were made of them for preservation. A detailed inventory of the entire manuscript collection is proceeding steadily. Work is nearing completion on one bay of shelving. The in-depth inventory is proving useful to answer enquiries. Questions are varied and unpredictable, ranging from evidence of leprosy in Nova Scotia to proof of the graduation of a particular doctor to the cost of hospital care in 1931. The number of enquiries has increased since moving into this building from the Tupper Building. Requests come from as far away as Ottawa and Prince Edward Island. If the person makes a visit and considerable further research at the Kellogg Health Sciences Library is indicated, a brief orientation to the services available at that library is available on request.

Continuing Education

Valda Svede attended the Canadian Library Association conference in Hamilton, Ontario and a workshop of the Canadian Indexers' and Abstractors' Association in Toronto. She also attended one of the continuing education lectures sponsored by the Dalhousie School of Library Service throughout the year. She plans to audit a course in indexing and abstracting given by the library school next term. Valda has been appointed the membership convener of the Halifax Library Association for the 1981/82 term.

Current Acquisitions

The collection has new acquisitions of 33 items. There are 26 items of medical instruments and 7 items of printed matter.

(Valda Svede is employed by the Joint Medical Archive Committee, but the collections are deposited in the Public Archives for public use. Her report is, therefore, included as a matter of interest.)

Genealogy (Julie Morris)

Correspondence

Over 1400 queries were answered by letter with legal aid of Research Assistants Darlene Brine, Mary Ellen Wright and John MacLeod (who was employed during the summer of 1981).

Publications, Papers and Activities

The revised issue of the pamphlet, *Tracing Your Ancestors in Nova Scotia*, was completed and published in June, 1981. Two thousand copies were printed, and the first 500 had been sold by September. The pamphlet has been well received and reviewed by the public.

The following articles were written for the *Dictionary of Canadian Biography* by Julie Morris and Wendy L. Thorpe (Public Records Archivist): Sarah Deblois, Halifax merchant, Loyalist (1753-1827), Vol. VI; Mrs. Nancy Purvis, founder of the Ladies' Academy in Wolfville (1790-1839), Vol. VI; Elizabeth Johnstone, author, Loyalist (1764-1848), Vol. VII.

Papers

The following papers were presented:

Fredericton, N.B., August 2, 1981: "Tracing Your Ancestors in Nova Scotia".

Yarmouth, August 7, 1981: "Primary Sources and their Importance in Genealogical Research," slide presentation and 3 hours of consultations the following day. Julie Morris was able to visit the Yarmouth Museum and returned to Halifax with cemetery records from Chebogue.

Activities

Julie Morris took part in the following activities:

Saint Mary's University, Halifax, April 24 and 25, 1981: "Ethnic Identity Conference about Government and Multiculturalism." Discussed at the conference were educational problems, economic problems of ethnic communities, history, folklore, literature, immigration, human rights, assimila-

tion, religion, etc. This seminar included almost all groups from the Atlantic Provinces.

Fredericton, New Brunswick, August 1-3, 1981: Meeting of genealogical consultants, record keepers and genealogists from the Maritimes, Ottawa and New England. The papers that were given were mainly about records available to genealogists in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Maine and New Hampshire.

Public Archives of Nova Scotia, October 17, 1981: Workshop was presented by the Genealogical Committee of the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society, organized by Dr. Allan Marble and Julie Morris. About 70 people attended. The papers that were given concerned the Acadians of Clare (Digby), Historical Sources for Genealogy in Lunenburg County and Oral History in Genealogy.

The Irish Genealogical Research Seminar, April 11, 1981, at St. Mary's University. This was one of the best attended and well represented seminars on genealogy in years. There were two speakers from Ireland (University of Dublin and the P.R.O.N.I.), plus speakers from Memorial University, St. John's, Newfoundland, St. Mary's and Dalhousie Universities, Halifax, and various authorities on genealogy in Nova Scotia.

In July a visit was made to the Prince Edward Island Archives and the Heritage Federation's genealogy centre. This provided much information regarding the sources and methods of doing research on the Island.

In December Ms. Morris visited the University of Moncton Archives, Acadian Studies Centre, with the intention of meeting the Acadian authority of Atlantic Canada, Mr. Stephen White, and to become acquainted with the centre's genealogy division and their sources.

United Empire Loyalist Society (Halifax area). Twenty people from this new branch attended a tour of the building, which included a slide show and a talk on archival material and genealogy.

A card index is being prepared which records names and addresses of genealogists and the ancestors whom they are researching or have researched. The collection has been started with the intention of providing a medium for the exchange of ideas and information with Nova Scotia family historians. This index may be used in the future for acquiring new genealogies as well as perhaps historic documents found in the process of doing research in Nova Scotia. It is an excellent way of making contacts for new acquisitions.

Julie Morris was appointed the new genealogical queries editor for the Genealogical Newsletter, a publication of the Genealogical Committee, Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society. Later in the year she was appointed editor of the Newsletter.

LIBRARY (Marcia Aronson)

Acquisitions	**1981**	**1980**
Monographs	733	761
Periodical issues	1364	1140
Vertical files	699	257
Annuals	333	492
Microfilm reels	58 pos.	20
Microfiche	4	1
Town Council minutes	354	242
	3545	2913
Items catalogued	1351	1351
Volumes bound	198	267

The principal collections donated to the library were from Mr. L. S. Hawboldt and Mrs. John Stevens. The Hawboldt collection deals with forestry. The Stevens collection is mainly Canadian literature.

The following additions were made to the Akins collection:

Sierra Leone Company

Substance of the report delivered to the Court of Directors of The Sierra Leone Company, to The General Court of Proprietors, on Thursday the 27th March, 1794.

London: Printed by James Phillips, 1974.

(Bound with)

. . . Substance of the report of the Court of Directors of The Sierra Leone Company, delivered to the General Court of Proprietors, on Thursday the 26th February, 1795.

London: Printed by James Phillips, 1975.

(and)

. . . Postscript to the report of the Court of Directors of The Sierra

Leone Company to The General Court, held at London, on Wednesday the 19th of October, 1791.
– London: Printed by James Phillips, 1792.

Contributions were made to the "Eighteenth Century Short Title Catalogue North America" project.

Robert Cook was employed as library assistant from May until October. He has recently accepted a position at the Patrick Power Library, Saint Mary's University.

Marcia Aronson attended the meetings of the Canadian Jewish Historical Society in June. These meetings resulted in the formation of a local society, of which she is the president. In this capacity she spoke to the Board of Shaar Sholom Synagogue and the Halifax Hadassah-Wizo Council regarding the preservation of their records.

Newspapers (Mary Margaret Whyte)

The newspaper section has been active in the acquisition of newspapers not already in its holdings. Most of these are on microfilm. This has necessitated the moving of newspapers and microfilm to make room for those which had to be interfiled. The same pattern for arrangement is in use. Due to time and staff shortages, however, the Finding Aids of shelf and drawer location have not been updated.

The microfilm acquisition has included updating our holdings of the following dailies from around the province: *The Cape Breton Post*, *Truro Daily News*, New Glasgow's *Evening News*, and the *Amherst Daily News*. Our in-house microfilming department has completed the filming of *Daily Evening Echo* and *Daily Star*, which were evening versions of the *Morning Chronicle*. We are also in the process of filming the *Eastern Chronicle* from New Glasgow and *The Halifax Journal*. Several miscellaneous newspapers have also been filmed. The Archives continues to co-operate with other institutions on microfilming. We have exchanged Cape Breton newspapers with the Beaton Institute. In February we obtained the services of a second micrographer, who has filmed newspapers almost exclusively. The quality of the film produced is excellent.

As for indexing the newspapers, we now index weeklies, monthlies and bi-monthlies on a weekly basis, following the same guidelines as outlined in 1980. Dailies are indexed on a monthly basis, with part-time assistants indexing various sections according to their ability. Unfortunately, indexing falls

behind from time to time as attempts to catch up on typing are made. There is a large backlog of typing. *The Chronicle Herald* and *Mail Star* are indexed only for marriages and obituaries. *The Chronicle Herald* is indexed in the *Canadian Newspaper Index*, which is available elsewhere in the city.

The kardexing of newspapers in our holdings is under way. The part-time staff are recording the contents of our microfilm collection by working alphabetically through the counties. They are now working on *The Truro Daily News* from Colchester County.

During the summer months, the newspaper department was given a Summer Provincial Employment person. This person was extremely helpful in indexing the *Chronicle Herald* and *Mail Star*, sorting mail, typing and assisting with the public.

Statistics

Newspapers received*	**New**	**Total**
Weeklies	2	31
Dailies	1	6
Bi-monthlies		5
Monthlies	1	10

Microfilm received

Purchases and exchanges	256
Microfilmed in-house	160
Microfilm to have positives made in next year's budget**	42
Microfilm received between December 17, 1980 and December 1, 1981	416

*We do not receive all papers in original form. Some papers are purchased at the end of the year on microfilm and are not included in the figures, nor are they indexed at this time. Numbers are down because several newspapers have folded.

**Because of budget restrictions and the increase of microfilms produced, some microfilm negatives do not yet have positives printed. This will be done in the 1982 83 budget period.

Maps and Plans (Garry Shutlak)

Since obtaining a shared secretary in June of this year, 5,100 cards have been produced for the map and architectural card catalogues, and 174 pages of Finding Aids have been produced. It is hoped that by using government Student Employment Programmes in the summer of 1982, we will be able to sort and catalogue the 60,000-sheet Building Inspection Collection of the City of Halifax, the Keith L. Graham Collection and the architectural material from the firm Dumaresq & Byrne for 1958-1970.

During the year, all material which had been boxed for the move was unboxed, sorted, catalogued and made available to the public. With the help of the Winter Works Program and the Student Summer Employment Program, we were able to sort and arrange for easy retrieval our collection of nautical charts, both Canadian and foreign: the Gold District Maps, the Collections of the Town of Parrsboro and Mulgrave, the Topographical Series, the Geological Series, the Crown Land Index Sheets, and the Engineering and Works Department Plans and Drawings, City of Halifax. It has been a great loss to the map collection that the Winter Works Program is no longer available, and we hope that the Summer Program will be continued.

Acquisitions

Great Map of Nova Scotia
by William MacKay, 1834

This is the most detailed and ambitious map of Nova Scotia prior to aerial photography. At a scale of 20 chains to an inch (1320 feet to an inch), it details the province to show counties, towns and roads. It shows lakes, streams and other features usually inserted in maps. It does not include Cape Breton, and we are missing at least 16 sections of the map, but what remains is indeed impressive. Through the kindness of Walter Morrison, we have an index to this collection, which is drawn on a facsimile of the 160 chain to an inch map by the same author.

Railway Practise
by S. C. Brees, editor, undated

This nineteenth century book of railway plans and drawings of viaducts, bridges and tunnels in various styles and by various engineers was undoubtedly perused and used by the engineers and builders of the Nova Scotia and Intercolonial Railways. It contains 442 plates.

Miscellaneous Plans and Drawings
by A. Edwin Priest (1892-1972), architect

The work of this early twentieth-century architect is represented principally in plans of residences built between 1906 and 1939.

Gold District Maps
from the Department of Mines

This collection of 226 sheets covering the period 1882-1940 shows gold leases around the province. It also lists the lessors.

Keith L. Graham and Associates

Twenty boxes of plans and correspondence from this architectural firm.

Halifax City Assessor
Books of Plans of Streets in Halifax, c. 1859, for the City Assessor.

Principal Finding Aids Prepared

The Public Archives now has Finding Aids for 17 architectural firms: Walter J. Busch; City Engineer's Office, 27 architects represented; Andrew R. Cobb; Dumaresq & Byrne, 14 architects represented; L. R. Fairn, 48 architects represented; Herbert E. Gates; Harris & Horton; J. T. Levesque; G. H. Jost; R. A. Johnson; McFawn and Rogers; Marcom Museum, (Royal Engineers plans and drawings); miscellaneous, 53 architects represented; Mott, Myles & Chatwin; A. E. Priest; Webber, Harrington & Weld; J. H. Whitford: Royal Engineers Office, Plans and Drawings.

Finding Aids were prepared for the following collections: Town of Parrsboro, 74 projects; Great Map of Nova Scotia, 110 sections and index map; aerial photographs, Nova Scotia, 27 linear feet; Town of Mulgrave, 107 projects; Railway Practise, 442 sheets; Gold Maps of Nova Scotia, 266 sheets; miscellaneous architectural plans from Public Archives of New Brunswick, 13 projects; Miscellaneous recatalogued and filed maps, 1338 sheets; Engineering & Works Department, Architect's Finding Aid, and numerical card file for the 3420 items in the collection.

Public Service Statistics

The statistics for the period January 1-December 14, 1981 are as follows: 881 researchers used a total of 32,401 maps and plans, as well as four microfilms. 402 letters were answered. In 1982, we will begin keeping a record of telephone inquiries, which average about three a day.

Tours

During the year, tours were given to some 60 groups of people, mainly grade school and junior and senior high school students, but also social studies teachers, librarians and librarians' assistants.

Garry Shutlak

Garry Shutlak spoke to the Loyalist Society of Halifax Dartmouth. He also gave a talk on architectural archives at the annual meeting of the Association of Canadian Map Libraries. He attended the annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Association of Architects at the Public Archives of Nova Scotia. Examples of the work of the architect, H. E. Gates, were displayed. Mr. Shutlak served as project chairman for the Association of Canadian Map Libraries Conference, held at the Public Archives June 7-11, 1981. He also authored the short biographies of Isaac Hildreth and David Sterling for McMillan's *Encyclopedia of Architects.*

PHOTOGRAPHS AND PICTURES (Margaret Campbell)

Acquisitions	**1981**	**1980**
Photographs	c. 3300	c. 3000
Daguerreotypes	1	1
Ambrotypes	1	—
Postcards	c. 450	39
Posters	25	—
Oil paintings	1	9

A number of small collections of photographs were loaned to us for copying, and several large collections have been offered for copying under our photograph laboratory is in operation.

Principal Acquisitions included:

Clara Dennis Collection

Eleven albums of photographs by Clara Dennis (1880-1958), taken on her travels through Nova Scotia, Sable Island, New Brunswick and the Gaspé Peninsula between about 1930 and 1940. A number of photographs of Nova Scotia were published in her books recounting her travels: *Down in Nova Scotia* (1934), *More about Nova Scotia* (1937) and *Cape Breton Over* (1942).

The collection includes about 350 photographs of the Dennis family and their home on Coburg Road, Halifax, as well as friends of Clara Dennis and activities in which she was involved between 1905 and 1957.

Sophique Pothier Collection

This collection includes 100 glass negatives and 4 original contact prints which belonged for many years to Sophique Pothier of South Belleville, Yarmouth County. Included are people, houses and scenes in Belleville, the construction of the Coast Railway near Belleville, and the opening of the Belleville railway station in 1897. A number of the photographs are of unidentified scenes and people in the United States.

Robert Campbell Collection

This is a collection of over 200 negatives of tombstones of persons buried in the "Old French Cemetery" and Hillcrest Cemetery (up to 1867), Lunenburg, photographed in 1979 on behalf of the Lunenburg Heritage Society by Robert Campbell, who conceived the project and executed it, with the assistance of Ivan Carey. This collection also includes 200 negatives of photographs taken in 1975 by Robert Campbell of houses and public and commercial buildings in Lunenburg, on behalf of the Lunenburg Heritage Society. There are 4 × 5 prints of 185 of the negatives, as well as 11 photographs on postcards.

Walter Teller Collection

In this collection are 22 copy photographs from the life of Joshua Slocum (1844-1909), a native of Wilmot, Annapolis County, N.S., who was the first man to sail alone around the world in a 36-foot sloop, *Spray*, between April 24, 1895 and June 27, 1898. Included are photographs of Slocum and his

family, including his second wife Hetty, who was photographed at West Tisbury, Massachusetts in 1952, pictures taken on his sailing voyages, and his home at West Tisbury. The photographs were collected by Walter Teller for his book, *The Search of Joshua Slocum* (New York, 1956).

Simon Hirtle Collection

In this collection are 400 postcards collected between 1900 and 1918 by Simon Hirtle, engineer and farmer, of Upper Kingsburg, Lunenburg County, and his wife Adina. They include scenic postcards — a few of Canada — but most of scenes in the United States, humorous and novelty postcards, and special occasion postcards such as birthday, Christmas and New Year. A number of these were sent by Simon Hirtle from various places in Canada and the United States to his wife at Upper Kingsburg.

Principal Finding Aids Prepared

Detailed listing of 5000 negatives of the Halifax Herald, Ltd. Collection.

Main entry cards by artist on about 1200 works in the picture collection.

Public Service Statistics

Approximately 14,300 photographs and pictures were used by 626 researchers during the year. About 120 written inquiries were dealt with, and over 100 orders for reproductions of photographs were processed.

Research Projects

Research for an oral history interview by CBC radio of "Smitty" (John W. Smith), aged 79 years, who worked for most of his adult life on the Halifax waterfront. Much of the interview concerned his experiences on the waterfront, especially during the two World Wars, particularly World War II, when he owned and operated a boat carrying men and supplies to warships in the harbour.

Tours

Sixty-four tours of the Photograph and Picture Department were given, the majority to school groups.

Conferences Attended

Printing and Publishing in Eastern Canada, 1751-1900.

This conference, which took place March 13-14, was organized by the School of Library Service, Dalhousie University, in Association with the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design. The picture archivist helped to give a tour of the Public Archives in connection with the conference.

Victorian Views

A seminar on various aspects of organizing a photograph exhibit was held at the Public Archives and Mount Saint Vincent University, November 27 and 28, sponsored by the Nova Scotia Department of Culture, Recreation and Fitness. The seminar was part of the planning process for a projected exhibit of Notman photographs to travel through the Atlantic Provinces with one-half of the display in each local exhibit centre to be mounted by that centre, using the works of early local photographers.

Display

The photograph archivist was in charge of hanging the travelling exhibit of photographs from the Public Archives of Canada entitled "City Blocks, City Spaces", which was on display at the Public Archives from July 3 to August 14, and also did some publicity work in connection with the exhibit.

FILM AND SOUND (Patricia Kipping)

CBC

This collection still comprises the majority of our film and sound holdings. This year, in keeping with our on-going acquisitions agreement, we received 150 radio programs, with scripts, and 119 cans of film. Cataloguing and content reporting of this collection are being facilitated by a grant from the Public Archives of Canada. This grant has enabled us to contract Gus Kearney to prepare content reports on the CBC film material.

CHNS

A very important collection of some 300 radio programs on tape and discs, dating back to 1926, the beginning of radio broadcasting in Halifax. Also included in the collection are two file boxes of original scripts and scrapbooks.

Nova Scotia Department of Mines

26 cans of film from the 1940's and '50's about the mining industry in Nova Scotia.

Cape Breton Magazine

152 cassette tapes of interviews conducted by Ron Caplan for use in the magazine. Mr. Caplan has given permission to the Public Archives to make copies of these tapes for preservation purposes.

Marjorie Whitelaw Collection

Scripts and tapes for 25 radio programs written and prepared by local freelancer, Marjorie Whitelaw.

Picture Plant Productions

71 original film and sound items from Halifax filmmakers Lionel Simmons and Bill MacGillivray. This is the first deposit of material from independent filmmakers.

Doomsday Studios

14 cans of original film material and 5 reels of original sound from a local, independent animation studio.

Confirmed Deposit Agreements

In 1981 three major agreements were signed, allowing for future deposits of important collections. They are:

Dr. Helen Creighton Collection, entitling the Public Archives to all of Dr. Creighton's folklore-related material and to custodianship of the copyright of her material upon her death — a very significant bequest.

National Film Board of Canada, Atlantic Regional Office, entitling the Public Archives to one free print of any National Film Board film withdrawn from distribution.

National Film Board of Canada, Atlantic Production Studio, entitling the Public Archives to the original sound recordings and workprint "outtakes" from any production made by the Atlantic Studio. This is the first agreement of its kind in Canada.

Use Statistics

The Film and Sound department received 98 requests from material and were able to fill 70 of those requests. We provided audio-visual equipment for 36 activities in the audio-visual room.

Conferences Attended

Association for the Study of Canadian Radio and Television
The conference for this association was held in Halifax, May 26 and 27. The Film and Sound Archivist contributed to a four-part session entitled "The Archiving of CBC Film and Sound Material." The Archivist continues to be involved with this national association as a member of the Archives and Resources Committee.

Canadian Oral History Association
This conference was held in Halifax, June 4 and 5. The Archivist made a presentation entitled "Visual and Sound Records in the Public Archives of Nova Scotia: A Guided Tour."

Atlantic Oral History Association
The Archivist attended this conference in Glace Bay September 18-20 and participated in a panel discussion on the use of video tape in oral history entitled "Ethnic Church History in Cape Breton."

During the Learned Societies meetings, the Archivist also attended meetings to the Canadian Communications Association and the Association of Canadian Archivists.

Other Activities

Oral History Presentation
The Archivist has made six presentations on oral history to schools and other groups, including the Jewish Historical Society and the Dalhousie School of Library Service.

Films for Mayday
This was the second public presentation made by the Film and Sound department to introduce the public to the potential use of archival film material. The films which were shown on May 1 were: "The Rising Tide," a

National Film Board film made in 1949, and "They Couldn't Starve Us Out." a filmstrip made in 1980 by the Film Board about industial Cape Breton in the 1920's. The three showings were attended by approximately 300 people.

The CBC Report

The twelve-page "Report on CBC Radio and Television Material in the Public Archives of Nova Scotia" was prepared for the CBC to inform its various departments of the progress being made in processing its material for our collection. It was circulated widely throughout the regional and national offices of CBC.

Canadian Maritime Motion Picture Company

This is the Film Archivist's on-going research project about the company which may have been the province's first motion picture producer. Although the company produced two feature films in the 1920's, very little has been written or is known about it or its films. The Archivist has found the serialized script for one film, and she has corresponded with family and acquaintances of the principals of the company. The material has been used by one researcher for a paper on film history.

Atlantic Filmmakers' Co-operative

The Archivist continues her long-standing involvement with this organization and serves on the Production Committee. In the past year she conducted a workshop on post-production sound and organized the second Safe Energy Film and Video Series.

Microfilms (Philip L. Hartling)

Microfilms of manuscripts catalogued by the Public Archives during the year ending December 31, 1981

	Positives		Negatives	
	1981	1980	1981	1980
Churches	75	18	75	18
Miscellaneous	27	8	26	8
Places	95	34	93	34
Biography	20	13	16	14
Manuscript & Record Groups	28	6	28	6
Microfilms received from other sources	166	6		
TOTAL	411	85	238	80

The Filming Programme

The filming programme was extremely active in 1981, particularly during the summer months. Brenton Haliburton and casual employee Carl Haley filmed 147 reels of microfilm. Jean Covert, assisted by Winter Works Programme employee Malcolm Desmond, filmed 214 reels of microfilm. Caroline Worthington, a summer employee, filmed 18 reels of 16 mm. film. The Colchester Historical Society Museum employed two students to use our 16 mm. camera and film; they shot ten rolls of microfilm. Fifty-four microfilms, which were filmed by Summer Works employees in Pictou County during the summer of 1980, were processed following the new budget in April, 1981.

The largest collections in 1981 included 155 reels of government birth, marriage, and death records, courtesy of the Mormon Church; 18 reels of Sydney City Council minutes; 15 reels of T. B. Smith's Queens County genealogies; 14 reels of Lunenburg municipal records; 12 reels of First United Church records, Truro, and 11 reels of Halifax and North Sydney passenger lists. The last collection was received through the courtesy of the Public Archives of Canada's diffusion programme.

In 1981, 7,193 index cards were typed by the Microfilms Archivist for insertion in the Biography, Genealogy, Communities, Halifax, and Miscellaneous Kardex cabinets. One hundred twenty-five letters pertaining to either the microfilm collection or genealogical inquiries were answered.

Other Activities

In April, 1981, Mr. Hartling became Membership Chairman for the Dartmouth Museum Society. Two months later, he became Publications Chairman of Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia. He is also a member of the Anglican Diocesan Archival Board.

In the Spring, he attended the annual conference of the Federation of Museums, Heritage, and Historical Societies (Federation of Nova Scotia Heritage) as the representative of Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia. In the summer, he attended a Federation seminar on architecture in Liverpool. Mr. Hartling's paper on researching local history in Nova Scotia appeared in Volume 1, Number 2 of the *Nova Scotia Historical Review*.

January to December, 1981

Researchers (Library)	Day	3048
	Evening	2404
Researchers (Manuscripts)	Day	6405
	Evening	4286
Researchers (Photographs)	Day	655
	Evening	23
Researchers (Maps)	Day	837
	Evening	73
Reseachers (Newspapers)	Day	2908
	Evening	2080
Books	Day	7714
	Evening	8032
Microfilms (Library)	Day	817
	Evening	682
Manuscripts	Day	13110
	Evening	11157
Microfilms (Manuscripts)	Day	5620
	Evening	5178
Photographs	Day	13795
	Evening	1749
Pictures	Day	1014
	Evening	7
Maps	Day	11187
	Evening	1342
Microfilms (Maps)	Day	4
	Evening	
Newspapers (Originals)	Day	1325
	Evening	610
Microfilms (Newspapers)	Day	8279
	Evening	6634
Days Open		250
Evenings Open		246
Weekends Open		48

	1981	**1980**
Total Researchers		
Days	13,853	10,899
Evenings Weekends	8,856	5,481
	22,709	16,380

	1981	1980
Issue of Documents		
Records and Manuscripts	24,267	18,657
Books	15,746	12,478
Photographs Pictures	16,565	10,283
Maps	12,529	5,044
Microfilms	27,214	18,685
Newspapers (Originals)	1,935	1,453
Reproduction		
Photocopies	34,737	20,753
Microfilm copies	10,418	5,843
Out Letters	3,387	3,892

Exhibition Room (James Paul)

Attendance in Exhibition Room and tours, January 1 to December 16, 1981. (The Exhibition Room is only open in the afternoon.)

Exhibition Room

	1981	1980
January	280	
February	408	
March	509	
April	322	
May	284	
June	813	50
July	225	299
August	428	341
September	268	315
October	771	299
November	271	647
December	107	336
TOTAL	4,786	2,287
Tours		
Number of tours conducted	90	30
Total number in groups	821	692
COMBINED TOTAL	5,607	2,979

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Trustees of
the Public Archives of Nova Scotia

We have examined the statements of revenue and expense and surplus on a cash basis of The Public Archives of Nova Scotia for the year ended March 31, 1982. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests and other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly the revenue and expense and surplus of the Archives for the year ended March 31, 1982 on a cash basis as explained in note 1 to the financial statements.

Barrow, Nicoll & Company
Chartered Accountants

Halifax, Canada
June 23, 1982

THE PUBLIC ARCHIVES OF NOVA SCOTIA

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSE

For the year ended March 31, 1982

	1982	1981
Revenue		
Government of Nova Scotia (operating grant)	$183,360	$203,654
Government of Canada	7,500	10,000
Government of Nova Scotia (salaries and benefits)	568,840	476,776
Sales, publications, etc.	28,834	20,580
	788,534	711,010
Expense		
Salaries and benefits	568,840	476,776
Furnishing and equipment	12,583	12,667
Microfilming	40,057	13,308
Maintenance and expense of building	133,558	102,310
Office supplies	34,082	28,710
Library	9,530	5,950
Bindery	1,078	697
Purchase of Archival Material	1,958	4,576
Transfer and express	549	3,019
Sundry expenses	32,758	35,414
Conservation	738	235
Printing	830	1,015
	836,561	684,677
Excess of revenue over expense (expense over revenue)	$(48,027)	$ 26,333

STATEMENT OF SURPLUS

For the year ended March 31, 1982

	1982	1981
Surplus, beginning of the year	$ 66,554	$40,221
Excess of revenue over expense (expense over revenue)	(48,027)	26,333
	$ 18,527	$66,554
Represented by:		
Cash on hand and at bank	$ 35,167	$42,900
Due from (to) The Province of Nova Scotia	(16,640)	23,654
	$ 18,527	$66,554

Approved on behalf of the
Board of Trustees of The Public Archives of Nova Scotia

Hugh A. Taylor, Provincial Archivist

Marjorie McElmon, Secretary

The Public Archives of Nova Scotia
Notes to the Financial Statements
March 31, 1982

1. Significant Accounting Policies

   The expenses are stated on a cash basis and therefore accrued liabilities are not recognized in these financial statements.

   Capital expenditures are charged to expense as incurred.

2. Certain of the 1981 figures have been restated to conform with the 1982 presentation. This presentation shows an excess of revenue over expense, for 1981 of $26,333 and an accumulated surplus as at March 31, 1981 of $66,554.